

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/536,775

Examiner: Christopher S. Bobish

Applicant: Nigel Paul Schofield

Art Unit: 3746

Title: VACUUM PUMPING SYSTEM AND  
METHOD OF OPERATING A VACUUM  
PUMPING ARRANGEMENT

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Commissioner for Patents and Trademark  
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**RCE AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 27, 2009, for which one month of extension is requested, in support of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR §1.114. Please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Applicant respectfully requests for reconsideration of the application based on the amendments and remarks provided.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this Amendment